

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING IOWA SAFE  
SCHOOLS' SECOND ANNUAL  
PRIDE CAMP

**HON. ABBY FINKENAUER**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. FINKENAUER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to join in celebrating the second annual Pride Camp at Iowa Safe Schools and to congratulate everyone involved in making this incredible resource for LGBTQ youth in our state a reality. This week-long program is designed for LGBTQ youth to have an opportunity to learn, grow, and simply have fun in a safe and supportive environment.

I was a page in Iowa's State House when the "Iowa Safe Schools Law"—the Anti-Bullying and Anti-Harassment Act of 2007—was passed. It was the result of years of tireless work from advocates and legislators, including many of the Iowans who have dedicated themselves to Pride Camp. I am honored to be a voice for LGBTQ Iowans of all ages in Congress.

I applaud Iowa Safe Schools for the inspiring work that it does in our communities, year-round, to create a nurturing environment for LGBTQ youth, by providing critical resources and training for students, educators, parents, and young allies.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 40TH  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF DO-  
LORES AND WILL GRESHAM

**HON. MARK E. GREEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Dolores and Will Gresham of Somerville, Tennessee on the very special occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Dolores and Will were married on August 2, 1969. Together, their lives have been marked by service to their community, with both retiring from the United States Marine Corps with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. During her military service, Dolores completed USMC Amphibious Warfare School, USMC Command and Staff College, and an MS in Industrial Management at George Washington University before she and Will returned to a cattle farm in West Tennessee where they currently live. Dolores has served in the Tennessee State Senate since 2008.

In addition to their service, their marriage of forty faithful years embodies the values of Tennessee which have and will keep our state and our nation strong. There is no doubt that they have lived an All-American life with their family—raising Hereford cattle on their farm, investing in their neighbors, and holding fast to their strong values and shared faith, giving us

all an ideal to which we can aspire. May their commitment grow even stronger as they love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 40th year of marriage. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

**PERYL KELLEY SCHAAF**

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a pioneer and a standout citizen of Durango, Colorado, Peryl Schaaf. Peryl began her life as a homesteader in southwest Colorado and eventually served as one of the highest officer positions at the Bank of Durango.

Peryl is the daughter of two homesteading families in Durango, CO. She eloped and married her husband, Ernie Schaaf, at the age of fifteen, on August 20, 1939. The couple had four children, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Her family was full of strong hardworking women including her Aunt, Olga Little, a local mining legend and a trail-blazer.

Peryl was no stranger to hard work herself. She started working at the young age of six. She was the family homemaker while her mother taught at remote one room school houses. She worked as a gas pump attendant at her father's station during World War II, and years later, started a job at the Bank of Durango as a teller. Despite being paid only half of what her male counterparts made, her hard work did not go unnoticed by her colleagues or management and she eventually rose through the ranks to serve as the Vice President of the bank.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Peryl. As a renowned storyteller in her community, Peryl will continue to highlight her remarkable life through the Durango Native Stories—a reoccurring public series offering first-hand recollections of personal stories from Durango locals. Her life of hard work, perseverance and achievement is worthy of commendation and I am proud to honor her legacy.

RECOGNIZING BRUCE FLAHERTY

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and hold up for distinction the tireless work of Mr. Bruce Flaherty, a Vietnam veteran and my constituent from Flushing, Queens.

Since 2004, Mr. Flaherty has dedicated himself to see that a flag is flown over the Capitol for each of the men in his infantry who were killed in Vietnam. At the completion of this mission this year, he flew a total of 289 American flags to honor the service and sacrifice of his fellow servicemen. Mr. Flaherty located and identified 103 families of those killed in the Vietnam War and has presented each of them with our nation's flag and official certificate. His commitment over the decades is heartfelt, exemplary, and admirable.

Born and raised in Queens, Mr. Flaherty served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 in the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment (Old Guard). He was honorably discharged from the Army and received the Purple Heart Award.

After returning to the United States, Mr. Flaherty worked at the New York Telephone Company for 32 years. He worked on veterans issues with the Americal Division Veterans Association, helping veterans and their families locate information in the National Archive to assist in their claims for awards and benefits. Mr. Flaherty also volunteered on a variety of task forces, including Hurricane Gloria in 1985 and Ground Zero in 2001.

Mr. Flaherty has dedicated countless hours to help us remember those who lost their lives when fighting for our country. His work has also reassured families that the sacrifices their loved ones made for our country are remembered and that their memories live on.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Mr. Flaherty for all he has done, and continues to do, to honor those who valiantly fought and died for our freedom. His work is greatly appreciated, and I am honored to have him as my constituent.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the selfless work and remarkable achievements of Mr. Bruce Flaherty. His dedication to honoring his fellow soldiers is truly commendable.

HONORING BILL SOMERVILLE

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Bill Somerville, an extraordinary philanthropist, grant-maker, advisor, and a generous, creative, and devoted advocate for those in need.

Bill Somerville grew up in Berkeley, California, and later attended the University of California. He served for 17 years as Executive Director of the pioneering and highly regarded Peninsula Community Foundation and is a nationally recognized expert on creative grant-making, having advised more than 400 community foundations in the United States, Canada, and abroad on effective operations and grantmaking. He has taught courses on

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